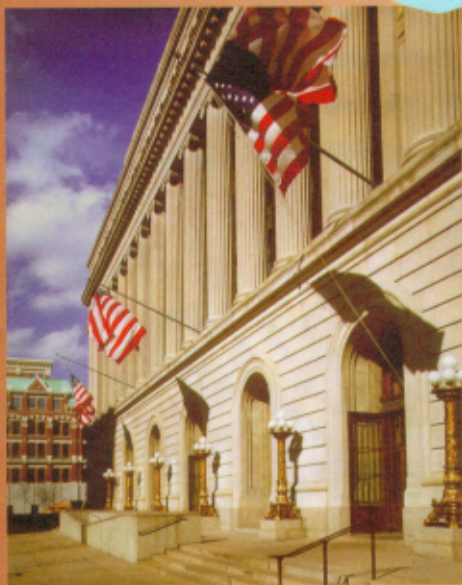


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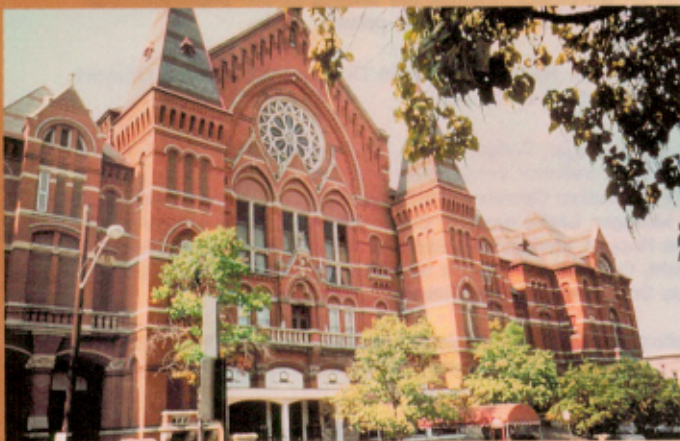
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### 2002 Budget in Brief

Board of County Commissioners

Tom Neyer, Jr. *President*  
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Todd Portune



County Administrator  
David J. Krings

# HAMILTON COUNTY VISION

*To serve the residents of Hamilton County by providing the best and most responsive County Government in America.*

## MISSION

*The mission of Hamilton County Government is to reach out to Hamilton County residents to provide efficient service of the highest quality, encourage resident participation in service development and to deliver County services equitably.*

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**2002**

# **BUDGET**

**IN**

# **BRIEF**

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# INTRODUCTION

Members of the Board of County Commissioners are:

**Tom Neyer, Jr., President**

**John S. Dowlin**

**Todd Portune**

In addition to the County Commissioners, other elected officials serve the County and include:

**Michael K. Allen, Prosecutor**

**William W. Brayshaw, Engineer**

**James Cissell, Clerk of Courts**

**Robert A. Goering, Jr., Treasurer**

**Rebecca Prem Groppe, Recorder**

**Simon L. Leis, Jr., Sheriff**

**Dr. Carl L. Parrott, Jr., Coroner**

**Dusty Rhodes, Auditor**

The 2002 budget in brief outlines County services by major functional category and the costs associated with those services. The functions are:

**Economic Development**

**Environmental Control**

**General Government**

**Health**

**Judicial**

**Public Safety**

**Public Works**

**Recreational Activities**

**Social Services**

**Debt Service**



Riverboat cruises on the Ohio River provide a unique view of the area.



Students are addressed by the Sheriff during a student government event.

## COUNTY PROFILE

Hamilton County government responds to the needs of its citizens through a cooperative effort of elected officials, appointed staff, employees and citizen members of volunteer boards.

**LOCATION-** The County is situated in the extreme southwestern corner of the State of Ohio and covers an area of 414 square miles. Within the County are 21 cities, 16 villages (incorporated communities with populations under 5,000) and 12 townships (unincorporated areas). The County is the third largest in the State in terms of population. Located on the Ohio River, the Cincinnati metropolitan area includes the counties of Hamilton, Warren, Clermont, Brown and Butler in Ohio, Dearborn and Ohio in Indiana, and Kenton, Campbell, Gallatin, Grant, Pendleton and Boone across the river in Kentucky. The population of the metropolitan area is 1.95 million.

**HISTORY-** Early settlers traveled down the Ohio River to the area that is now Hamilton County by flatboat and in 1788 founded Losantiville, which was soon renamed Cincinnati. Hamilton County, named for Alexander Hamilton, was established in 1790. It was the second county to be carved out of the Northwest Territory and predated Ohio statehood by over 12 years. It had 2,000 inhabitants and its boundaries included roughly one eighth of what is now Ohio.



Development of the new county took place mainly in Cincinnati, which soon became a booming river town ("The Queen City of the West") as Ohio River barges and steamboats brought settlers of varied national origins and industrial skills. Settlers soon fanned out from the crowded riverfront area to the valleys and hilltops forming new towns of individual character, many of which later became part of Cincinnati. After the Civil War and the development of the railroads, the city's growth rate slowed. Hamilton County's population growth since 1900, when the city contained 80% of the county's 409,479 people, has been mainly outside of Cincinnati. Now a tri-county hub, the area is noted for commerce, industry and a strong educational and cultural heritage. The total population for Hamilton County is 845,303 of which 330,914 or 39% is in Cincinnati.

**GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE-** Hamilton County has no top executive and no single overall governing body. Responsibility for county government is shared by the Ohio General Assembly which has legislative power, the county courts which have judicial powers, and a three person Board of County Commissioners and eight other county officials who have administrative powers. These 11 administrative officials are all elected by the voters of the entire county for 4-year terms.





View of downtown Cincinnati

The three commissioners are of equal rank, they elect their own president and their terms are staggered. The other elected officials function as independent administrative heads of their respective departments. Their salaries are set by act of the Ohio General Assembly.

In 1963, the Board of County Commissioners created the appointive office of County Administrator, authorized by the Ohio Revised Code. Section 305.29 of the Code describes the County Administrator as the “administrative head of the County under the direction and supervision of the Board”. The statutory duties of the Administrator include assisting in the administration, enforcement and execution of Board policies and preparation of the county budget. In 1983, the Board, by resolution, delegated a significant part of the administrative responsibilities of county government over which the Commissioners have jurisdiction to the County Administrator.

# 2002 HAMILTON COUNTY FUNDING

By Major Government Function  
In Millions

<b><u>Appropriations:</u></b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>
	<b><u>Adopted</u></b>	<b><u>Adopted</u></b>
Economic Development	\$20.0	\$22.9
Environmental Control	2.9	2.8
General Government	79.5	72.4
Health	164.1	175.7
Judicial	100.3	102.8
Public Safety	109.7	106.5
Public Works	161.4	171.5
Recreational Activities	55.5	58.1
Social Services	370.3	329.1
Debt Service	51.5	39.1
<b>Total County Appropriations</b>	<b>\$1,115.2</b>	<b>\$1,080.9</b>

<b><u>Pass Throughs:</u></b>		
Entitlements	606.0	817.2
Child Support Payments	<u>149.0</u>	<u>156.8</u>
<b>Total County Funding</b>	<b>\$1,870.2</b>	<b>\$ 2,054.9</b>

A capital improvement plan is adopted each year, however, capital improvement funding is added during the year as projects are undertaken. Funding is derived from a variety of sources including debt and fund transfers.



Paul Brown Stadium is an imposing structure on the Riverfront.



## 2002 Approved All Funds Budget

Function	Department	Revenues	Expenses	FTE
<b>Economic Development</b>				
	Community Development	21,186,924	21,284,078	26.00
	Economic Dev Department	0	616,000	0.00
	Parking Facilities	973,000	980,784	0.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>22,159,924</b>	<b>22,880,862</b>	<b>26.00</b>
<b>Environmental Control</b>				
	Environmental Services	2,655,100	2,772,363	10.94*
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,655,100</b>	<b>2,772,363</b>	<b>10.94</b>
<b>General Government</b>				
	Administrative Services	7,972,605	20,806,834	19.35
	Auditor	148,578,377	11,041,067	140.00
	Board of County Commissioners	250	736,377	11.00
	Board of Elections	1,320,700	5,422,438	43.30
	Board of Zoning Appeals	18,000	87,481	1.95
	Building Inspections	1,847,800	1,998,794	29.50
	County Administrator	3,777,953	2,731,011	24.12
	County Facilities	194,781	18,743,833	92.00
	County Personnel	2,411,320	4,078,242	16.42
	Info. Processing Advisory Board	0	1,523,603	0.00
	Ohio Soil Conservation	0	0	7.00
	Recorder	5,000,000	2,514,015	40.46
	Regional Planning Commission	0	0	17.55
	Rural Zoning Commission	296,000	456,614	9.30
	Treasurer	24,780,773	2,222,557	38.50
	<b>Total</b>	<b>196,198,560</b>	<b>72,362,865</b>	<b>490.45</b>
<b>Health</b>				
	Alcohol & Drug Add. Serv. Board	4,020,136	8,260,324	14.00*
	Board of Mental Retardation	71,685,075	78,653,794	645.50
	Community Mental Health Board	31,439,329	35,478,835	20.34*
	Health and Hospitalization Tax	71,084,798	53,291,300	0.00
	Hospital Commission	5,000	63,342	0.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>178,234,338</b>	<b>175,747,595</b>	<b>679.84</b>
<b>Judicial</b>				
	Clerk of Courts	15,655,050	17,102,383	326.40
	Court of Appeals	100	121,091	0.00
	Court of Common Pleas	1,408,000	9,821,921	89.24*
	Court of Domestic Relations	1,617,050	5,188,284	82.50
	Court Reporters	26,000	2,522,649	47.00
	Juvenile Court	18,723,178	32,109,386	545.16*
	Municipal Court	1,593,230	7,877,890	122.34
	Probate Court	1,674,100	3,742,763	46.05
	Probation	1,634,588	15,218,546	194.13*
	Public Defender	3,881,698	9,120,845	102.73
	<b>Total</b>	<b>46,212,994</b>	<b>102,825,757</b>	<b>1,555.55</b>





## 2002 Approved All Funds Budget

Function	Department	Revenues	Expenses	FTE
<b>Recreational Activities</b>				
	Stadiums	49,822,127	51,697,168	32.72
	Zoological Gardens	6,357,859	6,357,859	0.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>56,179,986</b>	<b>58,055,027</b>	<b>32.72</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>				
	Ctywide Law Enf. Applied Regionally	9,081,359	10,705,069	0.00 **
	Communications Center	5,435,293	7,571,282	86.00
	Coroner	950,200	3,344,417	43.60
	Dog Warden	90,000	855,940	0.50
	Emergency Management	541,286	978,683	5.60
	Prosecutor	4,657,910	13,151,677	207.85 *
	Sheriff	13,599,650	69,912,170	1,012.00 *
	<b>Total</b>	<b>34,355,698</b>	<b>106,519,239</b>	<b>1,355.55</b>
<b>Public Works</b>				
	County Engineer	27,547,000	37,110,174	198.00
	Metropolitan Sewer District	130,666,000	131,074,966	0.00 **
	Public Works	1,896,095	3,282,857	35.35
	<b>Total</b>	<b>160,109,095</b>	<b>171,467,997</b>	<b>233.35</b>
<b>Social Services</b>				
	Family&Children First Council	7,235,506	8,088,008	9.85 *
	Job and Family Services	288,189,486	303,382,588	1,578.50
	Job/Family Services Entitlements	974,034,632	974,034,632	0.00
	Senior Services	15,440,514	16,658,751	0.00
	Veterans Service Commission	105,000	1,018,738	9.15
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,285,005,138</b>	<b>1,303,182,717</b>	<b>1,597.50</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>				
	Debt Service	23,048,213	39,162,750	0.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>23,048,213</b>	<b>39,162,750</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>1/1/2002 Approved Budget</b>		<b>2,004,159,046</b>	<b>2,054,977,172</b>	<b>5,981.90</b>

State Fiscal Year 7/1/01-6/30/02      **77,193,571**      **80,090,258**      **262.50 \***

Federal Fiscal Year 10/1/01-9/30/02      **182,412**      **182,412**      **5.00 \***

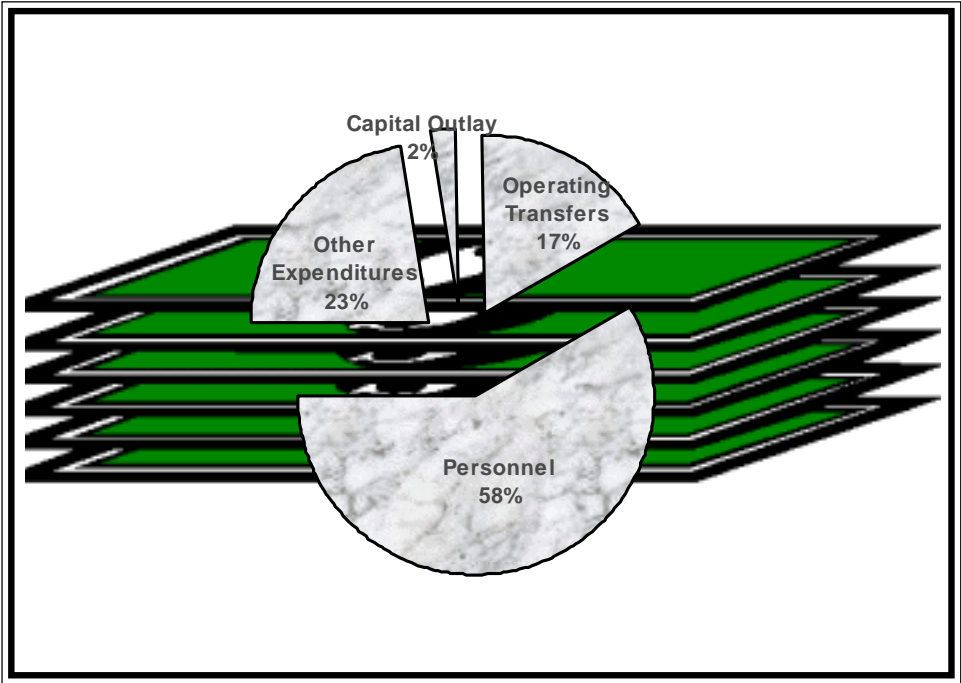
**GRAND TOTAL**      **2,081,352,617**      **2,135,249,842**      **6,249.32**

\* Employees funded by grants included in departmental FTE count

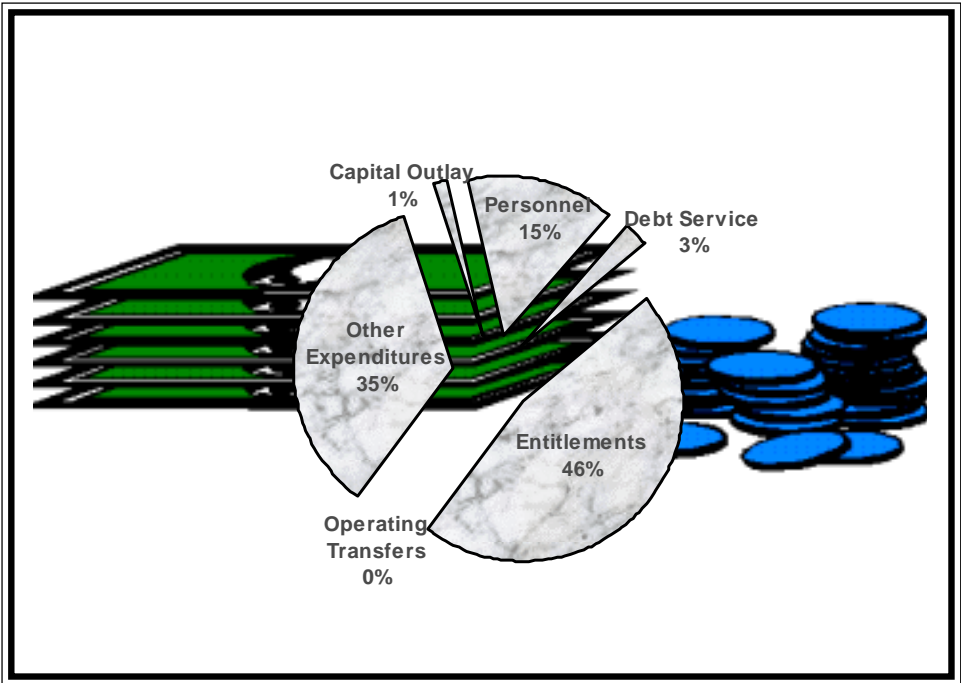
\*\* Employees of these agencies are employed by the City of Cincinnati.

Various restricted funds will be spending down fund balance resulting in expenses being greater than revenue. Ongoing revenues exceed ongoing expenses in the general fund.

2002 General Fund Approved Expenditures by Category



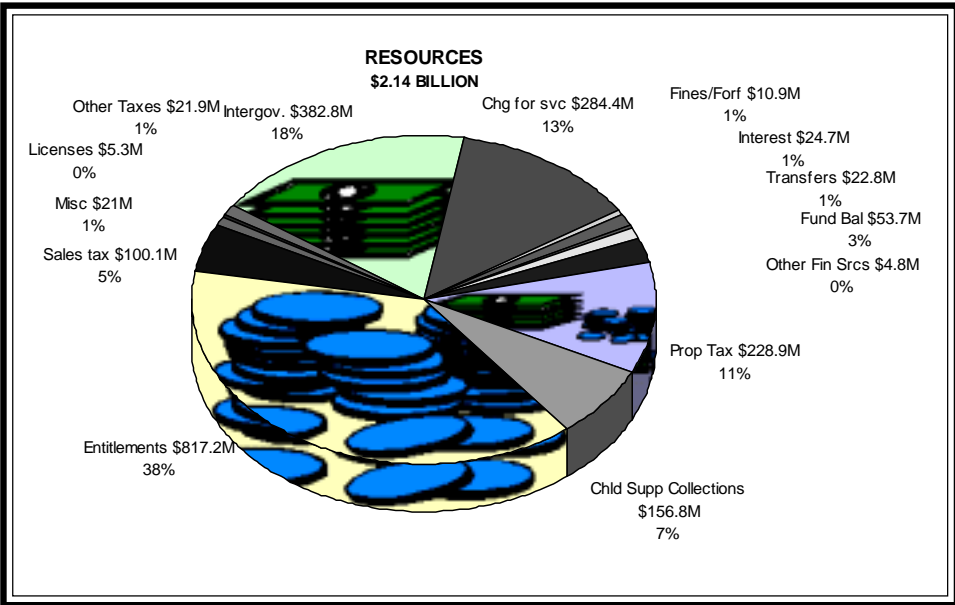
2002 All Funds Approved Expenditures by Category



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

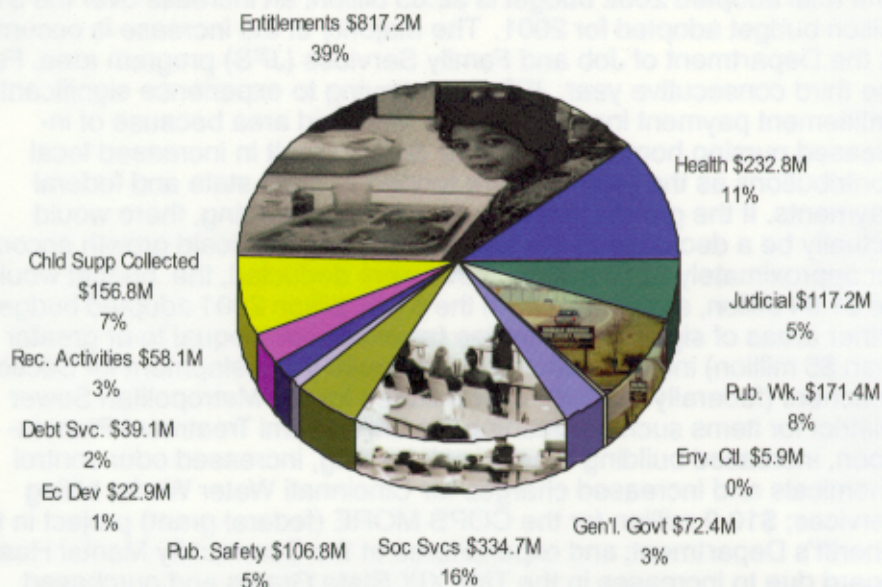
The total adopted 2002 budget is \$2.05 billion, an increase over the \$1.87 billion budget adopted for 2001. The majority of the increase is occurring in the Department of Job and Family Services (JFS) program area. For the third consecutive year, JFS is continuing to experience significant entitlement payment increases in the Medicaid area because of increased nursing home costs. These do not result in increased local contributions as the programs are funded through state and federal payments. If the growth in Medicaid was not occurring, there would actually be a decrease in the total budget. The Medicaid growth accounts for approximately \$219 million. If this were deducted, the budget would be \$1.84 billion, a decrease from the \$1.87 billion 2001 adopted budget. Other areas of significant increase (approximately equal to or greater than \$5 million) include: funding in Community Development for Section 8 vouchers (federally funded); expenditures for the Metropolitan Sewer District for items such as cleaning the Little Miami Treatment Plant lagoon, increased building repairs, ash hauling, increased odor control chemicals and increased charges for Cincinnati Water Works billing services; \$10.9 million for the COPS MORE (federal grant) project in the Sheriff's Department; and expenditures at the Community Mental Health Board due to increases in the Title XIX State Grants and purchased services.

There are also several significant decreases (approximately equal to or greater than \$5 million) in several departments. The Department of Job and Family Services has reductions of approximately \$34 million due to



2002 Resources-All Funds

## EXPENDITURES TOTAL \$2.14 BILLION



### 2002 Expenditures-All Funds

reduced spending as a result of the elimination of Prevention Retention Contingency Developmental Reserve (PRC/DR) contracts and state cuts. PRC/DR was special funding to develop initiatives to keep people from becoming Temporary Assistance for Needy Family (TANF) recipients. These reductions require major service reductions and elimination of numerous contracts. Some service provisions have been restructured to reduce costs and increase efficiency.

Included in the \$2.05 billion of approved spending are \$974 million of entitlements that are not appropriated. \$1.08 billion is included in the operating budget and \$515 million is included for previously approved capital improvement projects. In addition to the approved capital projects as previously specified, \$18.1 million of projects is included in 2002.

The budget funds 6,249 total positions - a net decrease of approximately 4.2 positions over the 2001 approved positions. Approximately 24.2 positions were reduced during 2001 and approximately 20 new positions were either added during 2001 or are approved for 2002 - a net decrease of 4.2 positions. The major staffing changes (three or more added/reduced positions) for 2002 occurred in the following departments: Board of Mental Retardation (-5), CBCF - River City (-9.5), Clerk of Courts (-3.3), Communications Center (-4), Community Development (+3), County Administrator (+5.5 - TASC grant funded), Juvenile Court (+3.6), Municipal Court (-4.8), and Sheriff (+3).



This budget includes funding for salary increases averaging 3% of the 2002 salary amounts for non-represented staff and represented staff with contracts linked to the County allocation for non-represented staff. The 3% adjustment is consistent with a review of market conditions and information from sources such as the Chamber of Commerce and other salary studies after the September 11, 2001 tragedy. The budget includes a range adjustment of 2% that will occur early in 2002. The 2002 budget includes funding for union contracts as negotiated.

Also included in this budget, consistent with the Board's pay for performance compensation system, are two 1% supplemental salary adjustments for participating departments. Supplemental salary adjustments do not increase the annual salary base as they are considered "one time" adjustments.

Ongoing general fund revenues exceed ongoing expenditures by \$85,433. The total general fund budget for 2002 is \$250.2 million. This represents a \$9.7 million decrease from the 2001 general fund approved appropriation of \$259.9 million. The 2002 budget includes \$10.1 million of one-time expenditures. The 2002 budget excluding one-time expenditures is approximately \$.2 million less than the 2001 approved appropriation excluding one-time expenditures.

The general fund planned reserve is required to be 10% of the prior year appropriation (excluding expenditures associated with the dedicated sales tax and one-time expenditures). This reserve formula is a budget goal. This formula yields a desired reserve amount of \$23.4 million. The 2002 projected ending balance is \$23.9 million.

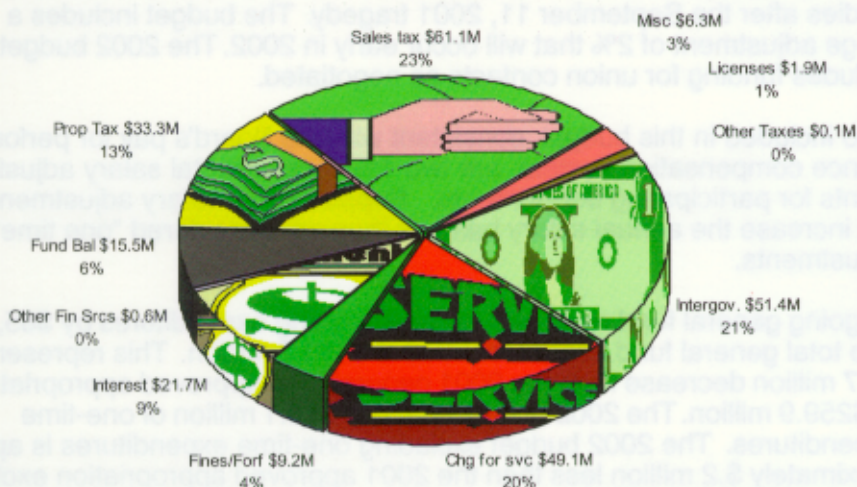
The approved operating budget for the Metropolitan Sewer District is \$131.1 million. This operating budget includes a rate increase of 6%. This increase is consistent with the rate projected for 2002 in the 2001 budget. Major budget increases include: Cincinnati Water Works billing services at 50% of the requested increase of \$717,420, an increase in CAGIS charges of \$187,000, and an increase in debt service of \$3,137,000.



The Ohio River from Eden Park

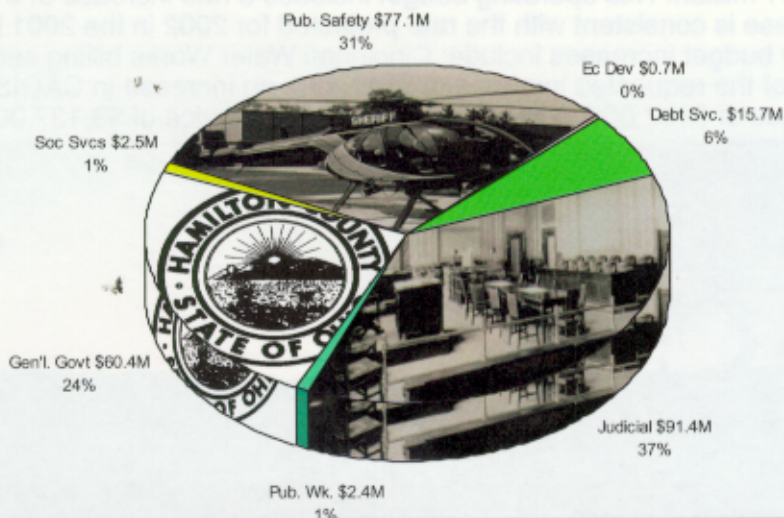


# RESOURCES TOTAL \$250.2 MILLION



## General Fund Resources and Expenditures for 2002

# EXPENDITURES TOTAL \$250.2 MILLION



# Hamilton County

## Facts at a Glance

Date of Incorporation	1790
Form of Government	3-member Board of Commissioners
County Seat	Cincinnati, Ohio
Area	414 square miles
Miles of maintained roads	504
Population (2000 Census)	845,303
Number of County Parks	16
Number of library branches	41
Number of items circulated	10,000,000+
Number of full-time County employees (authorized)	6,249
Number of Sheriff Patrol Stations	4

### Hamilton County Firsts

**1850:** First metro area in the United States to establish a Jewish hospital.

-First metro area in the United States to publish greeting cards-Gibson Greeting Card Co.

**1853:** Invention of the first practical steam engine.

**1869:** First metro area to establish a weather bureau.

-First professional baseball team, the Cincinnati Red Stockings, known today as the Cincinnati Reds.

**1870:** The University of Cincinnati was established as a municipal university, making Cincinnati the first city in the U.S. to accomplish this.

**1902:** The Ingalls Building is the first concrete skyscraper.

**1905:** The Sons of Daniel Boone is founded by Daniel Carter Beard. This organization later became known as the Boy Scouts of America.

**1935:** The first professional night baseball game is played under lights.

### Comparisons to Other Metro Regions

- The Greater Cincinnati region was ranked in *Fortune* magazine's 1996 top 10 great places to live and work.
- *Places Rated Almanac* crowned the Queen City the Best Place to Live in North America in 1993.
- The oldest fine arts fund in the nation, the Cincinnati Fine Arts Fund, is among the top four in the country for gross dollars raised by a united arts campaign.
- Hamilton County is home to the second oldest opera company in the nation, the Cincinnati Opera.

# Hamilton County

## Facts at a Glance

### Hometown Heroes

•**William Henry Harrison** served in the House and Senate and then became Hamilton County's Clerk of Courts before becoming the nation's ninth president. He died of pneumonia one month into his presidency.

•**Benjamin Harrison**, grandson of William Henry, became U.S. President following the 1888 election.

•**Harriet Beecher Stowe** wrote "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

•**William Howard Taft** was the 27th U.S. President, and the son of Republican Party founding member Alphonso Taft.

•**Robert Taft II** is the current Ohio governor.

•**William Procter & James Gamble** started the company that bears their names. Their first product was Ivory Soap.

•**Dr. Albert B. Sabin** developed a polio virus sugar cube to prevent polio.

•**Roy Rogers**, born Leonard Slye in Cincinnati, became a star of television and movies.

•Three years after piloting the Gemini 8 space mission, **Neil Armstrong** led the Apollo 11 lunar mission and was the first man to walk on the moon.

•Known as "The Big O," **Oscar Robertson** enjoyed a stellar basketball career with the University of Cincinnati and the NBA Cincinnati Royals and Milwaukee Bucks.

•**Pete Rose** is considered one of Major League Baseball's greatest players, with 4,256 base hits.

•**Johnny Bench**, a Baseball Hall of Famer, was named the National League's Most Valuable Player twice before age 25. He revolutionized the catching position and was on both world champion Cincinnati teams in the mid-70s.

•Bengals player **Anthony Munoz** was part of the Bengals Super bowl teams in the 1980s and was recently inducted into the Football Hall of Fame.

*Hamilton County boasts two outstanding collegiate basketball programs.*



1st Team All American, Steve Logan, completed his career at the University of Cincinnati.



David West, Xavier University, was named a 2nd Team All American.

# Hamilton County

## Facts at a Glance

### Mileage to Other Major Cities

Chicago, Illinois	287
Cleveland, Ohio	244
Detroit, Michigan	269
Indianapolis, Indiana	110
Lexington, Kentucky	78
Louisville, Kentucky	102
Milwaukee, Wisconsin	374
Nashville, Tennessee	269
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	294
St. Louis, Missouri	340
Toledo, Ohio	200

### Hamilton County Population by Census Year

	Total	Unincorporated Areas
1950	723,952	80,979
1960	864,122	165,381
1970	924,017	240,525
1980	873,224	260,397
1990	866,228	274,353
2000	845,303	288,804

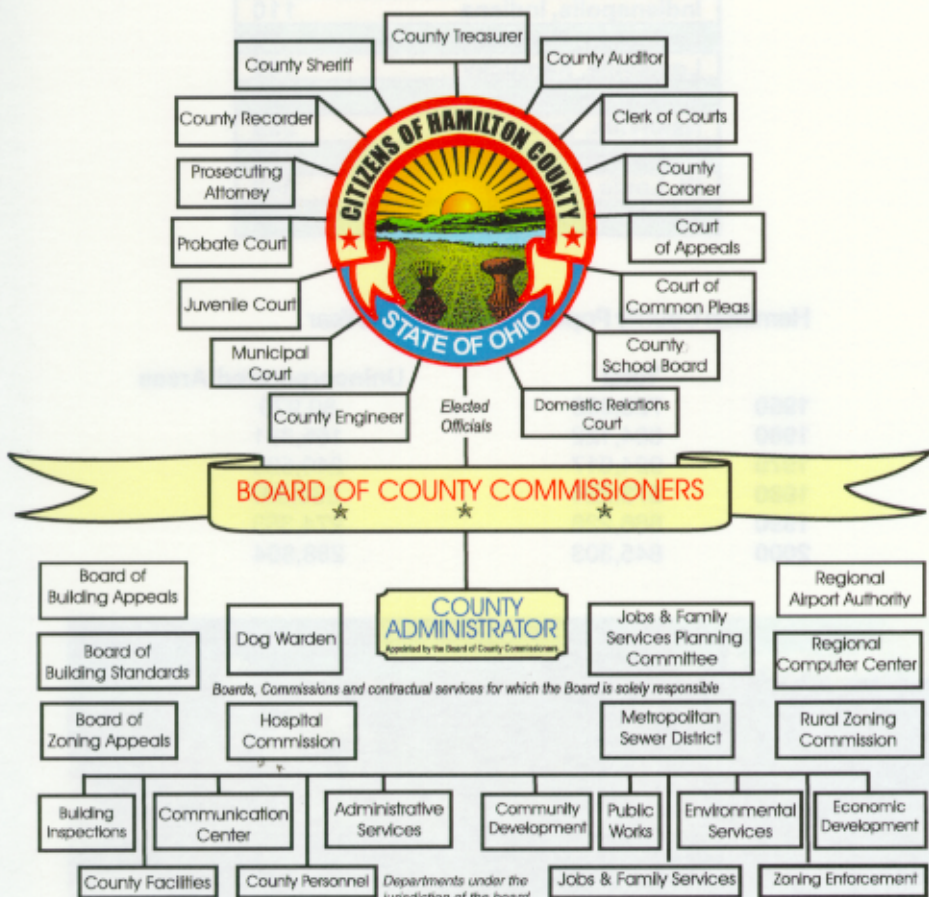


The Great American Ballpark, the future home of the Cincinnati Reds, is scheduled to open in 2003.



# Hamilton County, Ohio

## Government



### County Services in which the Board of County Commissioners share responsibility

Alcohol & Drug Addiction Services Board  
Agricultural Council (Fairgrounds)  
Assignment Commission  
Board of Elections  
Board of Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities  
Board of Revision  
Budget Commission  
CAGIS  
Children Service Advisory Commission  
Children's Trust Fund  
CLEAR  
Community Action Agency  
Community Mental Health Board  
CORVA

County District Park Board  
District Integrating Committee Infrastructure Bond Program  
Drake Center  
Drug Enforcement Agency  
Emergency Management  
Family & Children First Council  
Hamilton County Board of Health  
Hamilton County Development Company  
Housing Advisory Board  
Indigent Health Care  
Jury Commission  
Metropolitan Housing Authority  
Millcreek Conservancy District  
OKC

PIC Private Industry Council  
Port Authority of Cincinnati & Hamilton County  
Public Defender Commission  
Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County  
Regional Planning Commission  
Senior Services  
Sinking Fund Board of Trustees  
Soil & Water Conservation District  
Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority  
Stadiums  
State Extension Services  
Trustees Public Library  
Veterans Service Commission  
Zoological Society



## EMPLOYEE POSITIONS BY FUNCTION

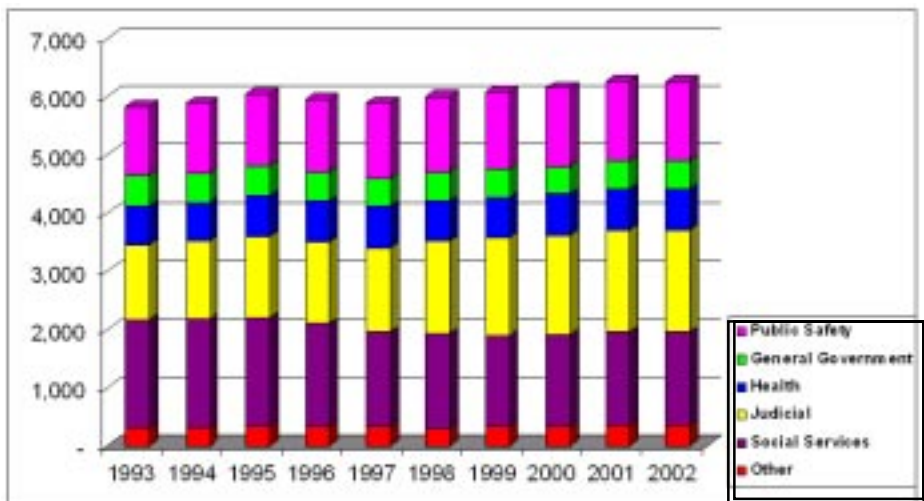
YEAR	PUBLIC SAFETY	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	HEALTH	JUDICIAL	SOCIAL SERVICES	OTHER	TOTAL
1993	1,200.50	510.95	668.75	1,281.00	1,859.00	308.25	5,828.45
1994	1,205.00	499.95	681.75	1,322.50	1,875.50	307.76	5,892.46
1995	1,234.30	500.45	703.30	1,395.00	1,888.30	314.61	6,035.96
1996	1,255.45	492.20	710.80	1,393.00	1,768.50	327.90	5,947.85
1997	1,286.45	490.70	720.40	1,435.00	1,631.50	324.43	5,888.48
1998	1,309.95	484.51	689.10	1,597.58	1,627.16	292.40	6,000.70
1999	1,324.61	473.11	689.85	1,684.13	1,582.15	313.60	6,067.45
2000	1,350.37	470.06	713.65	1,702.14	1,587.65	317.99	6,141.86
2001	1,359.55	483.42	703.74	1,759.69	1,599.65	347.56	6,253.61
2002	1,361.55	490.45	701.64	1,740.97	1,601.15	353.56	6,249.32

Other includes Public Works, Environmental Control, Economic Development, and Recreational Activities.

Numbers above include positions funded by grants and represent the number of positions approved 1/1 of each year.

## PERSONNEL TRENDS

Despite increased demands for service, the number of County personnel has remained relatively steady during the period shown.



# 2002 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROPERTY TAX REVENUE

Average Property Tax Bill for County Taxpayers  
Distribution of Property Tax Dollars

HOUSE VALUE ASSESSED	COUNTY GENERAL FUND	COUNTY PARKS	DRAKE CENTER	CHILDREN'S SERVICES	INDIGENT HEALTH CARE	MR/DD	MENTAL HEALTH
voted millage	2.26	1.03	1.59	2.77	5.39	3.53	2.47
effective millage	2.26	0.60	0.91	2.20	2.37	2.86	1.36
\$100,000	79.10	21.00	31.85	77.00	82.95	100.10	47.60
\$125,000	98.88	26.25	39.81	96.25	103.69	125.13	59.50
\$150,000	118.65	31.50	47.78	115.50	124.43	150.15	71.40
\$175,000	138.43	36.75	55.74	134.75	145.16	175.18	83.30
\$200,000	158.20	42.00	63.70	154.00	165.90	200.20	95.20
\$225,000	177.98	47.25	71.66	173.25	186.64	225.23	107.10
\$250,000	197.75	52.50	79.63	192.50	207.38	250.25	119.00
\$275,000	217.53	57.75	87.59	211.75	228.11	275.28	130.90

County Parks, Corporation/Township and School Levies appear in this document for completeness only. Proceeds of these levies are collected by the County Auditor and distributed. These political subdivisions are not a part of County government.

## Levies in bold are contained in the County's budget

Amounts for both School District and Municipal are calculated based on the mean millage for cities/townships/villages within the County.

TAX COLLECTIONS ARE BASED ON 35% OF PROPERTY'S TRUE VALUE.  
MILLAGE IS APPLIED TO EACH \$ 1,000 OF VALUATION.

Taxes due above for residential property are reduced by a reduction factor set by the State. Reduction factors in Hamilton County for residential/agricultural property range from .247450 to .472897. The County is reimbursed the amount of the reduction by the State of Ohio.



## Hamilton County has a mix of housing in rural, urban and suburban areas.

The farm shown is in the Western part of the County. The new homes in suburban Blue Ash combine green spaces with a comfortable neighborhood and are only 20 minutes from downtown. The house in urban Mt. Adams is a makeover of an 1882 row house.

A farm in rural Hamilton County

# 2002 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROPERTY TAX REVENUE

Average Property Tax Bill for County Taxpayers  
Distribution of Property Tax Dollars

CLEAR	BOND RETIREMENT	ZOO	SENIOR SERVICES	SCHOOL DISTRICT**	JVS	CORP/ TOWNSHIP*	TOTAL
0.83	0.16	0.42	1.02	60.84	2.70	11.92	96.93
0.44	0.16	0.35	0.87	33.68	2.33	9.16	59.55
15.40	5.60	12.25	30.45	1,178.80	81.55	320.60	\$2,084.25
19.25	7.00	15.31	38.06	1,473.50	101.94	400.75	\$2,605.31
23.10	8.40	18.38	45.68	1,768.20	122.33	480.90	\$3,126.38
26.95	9.80	21.44	53.29	2,062.90	142.71	561.05	\$3,647.44
30.80	11.20	24.50	60.90	2,357.60	163.10	641.20	\$4,168.50
34.65	12.60	27.56	68.51	2,652.30	183.49	721.35	\$4,689.56
38.50	14.00	30.63	76.13	2,947.00	203.88	801.50	\$5,210.63
42.35	15.40	33.69	83.74	3,241.70	224.26	881.65	\$5,731.69

## Corp/Twp- \*

Rates range from \$ 0-25.93. The rate for City of Loveland is used as the mean millage for purposes of calculation.

## Schools \*\*

Rates range from \$ 37.69-85.67 The rate for the Sycamore School District is used as the mean millage for purposes of calculation.

Residents of Hamilton County outside the limits of the City of Cincinnati School District pay millage for the support of the Great Oaks Joint Vocational School District. Residents of the Cincinnati Public School District do not pay this millage.



Homes in suburban Blue Ash



A converted row house in urban Mt. Adams

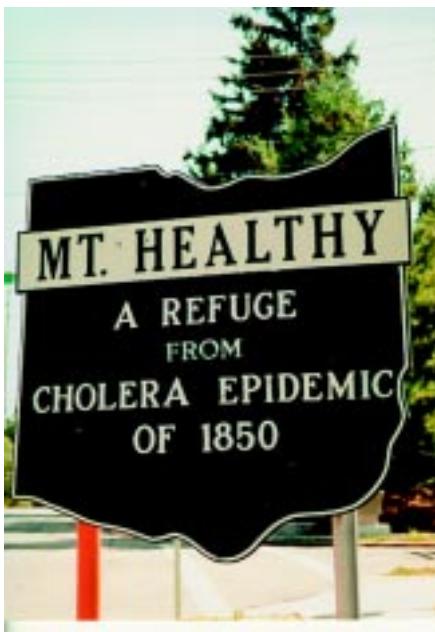
# JURISDICTIONS OF HAMILTON COUNTY

## 2000 Census

### **CITIES**

Blue Ash	12,513
Cheviot	9,015
Cincinnati	331,285
Deer Park	5,982
Forest Park	19,463
Harrison	7,487
Indian Hill	5,907
Lincoln Heights	4,113
Loveland	9,561*
Madeira	8,923
Milford	35*
Montgomery	10,163
Mt. Healthy	7,149
North College Hill	10,082
Norwood	21,675
Reading	11,292
Sharonville	11,578*
Silverton	5,178
Springdale	10,563
St. Bernard	4,924
Wyoming	8,261

\* portion in Hamilton County



The William Howard Taft Home in the City of Cincinnati

# **JURISDICTIONS OF HAMILTON COUNTY**

## **2000 Census**

### **VILLAGES**

Addyston	1,010
Amberley Village	3,425
Arlington Heights	899
Cleves	2,790
Elmwood Place	2,681
Evendale	3,090
Fairfax	1,938
Glendale	2,188
Golf Manor	3,999
Greenhills	4,103
Lockland	3,707
Mariemont	3,408
Newtown	2,420
North Bend	603
Terrace Park	2,273
Woodlawn	2,816

### **TOWNSHIPS**

Anderson	43,857
Colerain	60,144
Columbia	4,619
Crosby	2,748
Delhi	30,104
Green	55,660
Harrison	4,982
Miami	9,093
Springfield	37,587
Sycamore	19,675
Symmes	14,771
Whitewater	5,564



**The William Henry Harrison Tomb in Miami Township**



# Hamilton County



County Commissioners' staff meeting (L to R): Assistant County Administrator Eric Stuckey, County Administrator David Krings, Commissioner Todd Portune, Administrative Aide Karen Ball, Commissioner Tom Neyer Jr., And Commissioner John Dowlin.



A view of the Ohio River and downtown from Mt. Adams, a historic neighborhood atop one of Cincinnati's famed "Seven Hills". Mt. Adams was once the home of Rookwood Pottery, maker of the highly collectible Arts and Crafts pottery.



The Hamilton County Courthouse was awarded the Building Owners and Managers Association's prestigious award, The Office Building of the Year (TOBY), in the government category. The award is based on such standards as community impact, energy management, safety, training provided to facility staff, and accessibility.



Hamilton County Employees of the Year 2001. (L to R): Amy Hafukowicz, Lynn Preuth, Steve Burns, Brenda Greene, and Ali Khodadad.



Hamilton County took advantage of National Volunteer Week to thank its volunteers at a reception at the April 25, 2001 Board of County Commissioners meeting. Volunteers enrich County government by bringing new ideas, community spirit, commitment, special expertise, and diversity to the workplace.



The inscription on the Tyler Davidson Fountain, The Genius of Water, reads: "To the People of Cincinnati". However, this centerpiece of downtown's Fountain Square has become the symbol of not only this city, but all of Hamilton County and the tri-state area. It serves as the favored gathering spot of all citizens.



County Commissioners congratulate Sharon Booker, Administrative Assistant to the County Administrator, on her recognition as a training instructor. Training classes are provided on a wide variety of subjects to assist employees in enhancing their skills to better serve the citizens of Hamilton County.



Community COMPASS Youth Forum held at Paul Brown Stadium. This first ever event brought over 100 High School students from 50 local schools together to discuss and share their vision for Hamilton County's future.